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SUBJ: INVITATION TO IAEA INSPECTOR GENERAL TO APPEAR BEFORE

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE

REF: IAEA VIENNA 0097

1. IAEA DIRECTOR GENERAL EKLUND HAS REPLIED TO INVITATION EXTENDED TO ROMETSCH BY SENATOR JOHN GLENN BY LETTER, DATED JANUARY 12, TEXT AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE I AM ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR LETTER OF 24 DECEMBER 1975 TO DR. ROMETSCH, WHICH WAS RECEIVED HERE ON 6 JANUARY, WHEREIN YOU ADVISED HIM THAT THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE PLANS TO HOLD HEARINGS IN JANUARY DEALING WITH CONTROLS ON NUCLEAR EXPORTS AND THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OBLIGATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS BY THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY. IN THIS CONNECTION YOU INVITED DR. ROMETSCH TO BREIF THE COMMITTEE ON FRIDAY, 30 JANUARY 1976.

QUOTE AS YOU SURMISED IN YOUR LETTER, THERE ARE FACTORS WHICH WILL CAUSE US TO REGRET YOUR KIND INVITATION. AS UNCLASSIFIED

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A MATTER OF POLICY NO STAFF MEMBER OF THE IAEA IS PER-

MITTED TO TESTIFY EITHER IN A FORMAL SESSION OR IN AN INFORMAL SESSION FOR ANY COMMITTEE OF A LEGISLATIVE BODY OF A MEMBER STATE. THE RELATIONSHIP, IN THE FORMAL SENSE BETWEEN THE IAEA AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS THROUGH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TO THE IAEA. THIS POLICY, OF COURSE, DOES NOT FORECLOSE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT WHEN OUR STAFF MEMBERS ARE IN WASHINGTON AND ARE CONSULTING WITH VARIOUS UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ON AGENCY BUSINESS.

QUOTE IN ADDITION TO THE PRINCIPLE INVOLVED WE ARE CONFRONTED WITH A VERY PRACTICAL PROBLEM I WE DID NOT FOLLOW THE POLICY WHICH I HAVE MENTIONED ABOVE. WE HAVE 109 MEMBER STATES, AND IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO CONDUCT OUR BUSINESS IN AN ORDERLY FASHION EVEN IF ONLY A SMALL MINORITY OF OUR MEMBER STATES ASKED OUR STAFF TO TESTIFY OF BRIEF A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. QUOTE HAVING STATED OUR POLICY AND THE PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF NOT ADHERING TO THE POLICY, LET ME UNDERLINE THAT WITHOUT THE VIGOROUS SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND WE HAVE ENJOYED THIS SUPPORT FOR NINETEEN YEARS, THE OBJECTIVES OF THE IAEA SIMPLY COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED. IN THIS CONNECTION MAY I PLACE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE CONTINUOUS UNITED STATES ADVOCACY OF THE AGENCY'S SAFEGUARDS PROGRAM. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS SUPPORT FROM THE UNITED STATES AND I DO HOPE THAT YOU ADVISE YOUR COLLEAGUES OF THIS FUNDAMENTAL POINT. QUOTE I AM SENDING A COPY OF THIS COMMUNICATION TO AMBASSADOR TAPE, THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE IAEA. UNQUOTE.

2. ROMETSCH ALSO SENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO SENATOR GLENN DATED JANUARY 12, STATING THAT MATTER HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO EKLUND.LABOWITZ

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